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Dear Executive Director Snow:

9/15/99

I am writing regarding the CALFED Bay/Delta program. I would like to have my comments entered into the formal record for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

In its present state, the CALFED Bay/Delta program would threaten our rivers and the quality of life in and around them. I strongly recommend that the program not commit to building any dams, reservoirs, or canals during the first seven years of its implementation. Also, existing dams, reservoirs, or canals should not be expanded. Taxpayers should not be made to subsidize any such expansions or constructions.

Instead, I recommend focusing attention and resources to developing better, more efficient water conservation, groundwater management, and drinking water treatment practices. Currently, innovative conservation programs have shown savings of about 25%. Stronger pollution prevention measures should also be implemented to stop pollution at the source. Restoring and protecting the land along the rivers would go a long way towards improving water quality as would more fresh water flows into bays, etc.

I emphatically urge the implementation of these changes into the CALFED Bay/Delta program. Thank you.

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